

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action, claim 1 has been amended to avoid the rejection of claims 2, 4, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. These amendments provide antecedent support for the iodinating agent in claims 2-4 and the reducing agent in claims 7-8. Support for the amendments can be found on page 7, lines 11 and 12 and on page 10, lines 11 and 12 of the specification.

It is believed claims 1-8 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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